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Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 5 to 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. 09/763,927, filed February 26, 2001, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP99/04024, filed 27 July 1999, the contents of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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Remarks:

Entry of the above amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alan P. Kass", is written over a horizontal line.

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